GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF BRANCH POST OFFICES
NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open branch post offices in rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in Tenth Five Year Plan for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Branch Post Offices are being opened in rural areas in the country including Maharashtra during the current year subject to fulfilment of norms relating to population, distance and income and availability of requisite resources under Annual Plan.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A target for opening of 1000 Extra Departmental Branch Post offices throughout the country has been allocated in the Tenth Five Year plan. The Circle-wise break up of the target is finalized each year.